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**PRESIDING JUDGE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF
NEW COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The Hon. Douglas V. Mewhinney, presiding judge of the Superior Court of Calaveras County announces the appointment of Hugh Swift to serve as its new Court Executive Officer.

Swift, a resident of Angels Camp since 1999 will take the reins as the Court Executive Officer in Calaveras County on September 19, 2011. He currently serves as the Court Executive Officer and Family Support Commissioner for the Superior Court of Amador County.

Presiding Judge Mewhinney states "We are very fortunate to have Hugh as our new Court Executive Officer. He has worked with us on several joint projects so is very familiar with our court and we are confident in his abilities to lead the court during this time of transition."

Judge John Martin added "Hugh performed work for the court as a part-time legal research attorney several years ago. I was impressed with his work then and look forward to working with him in his new role."

Swift, an attorney, graduated from the University of San Diego in 1981. He obtained his law degree from California Western School of law in 1985, and was admitted to the California Bar in 1985. He was in private practice in San Diego until he relocated to Calaveras County and began working in the Amador County Superior Court in 1999 as the research attorney. He was appointed CEO in Amador County in November 2004 and was appointed part-time Commissioner in April 2006.

During his years of service as a Court Executive Officer, Swift has served on several statewide committees including the Elkins Family Law Task Force, the Child Support Guideline Working Group, the Joint Rules Working Group, the Dependency Counsel Reimbursement Working Group and the Resource Allocation Study Working Group.

"I look forward to working with the judges and staff of the Calaveras Superior Court. Calaveras County is a great place to live. I feel extremely fortunate I am now able to work here as well."

Swift will replace Mary Beth Todd who has been the Court Executive Officer in Calaveras County since June 2000 and is leaving the court to take a position as the Court Executive Officer for the Superior Court of Sutter County.

"I have known Hugh Swift since we worked in Amador County together and have the utmost respect for his abilities to lead this court along with the judges and I leave knowing the court is in excellent hands" said Todd.

The Court Executive Officer position is appointed by the judges of the superior court and is responsible for the non-judicial functions of the court including managing the court's 30 employees, overseeing the court's budget and serving as the Clerk of the Court and Jury Commissioner.